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PRESBYTERIANS TO MEET HERE

Synod of Michigan to Convene
in Alma for Three Days
This Next Week.

FOUNDERS' DAY WEDNESDAY

Addresses Will Be Made During
Three Day Session by Promi-
nent Educators.

The Presbyterian Synod of Michigan will meet in Alma on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this coming week, and will hold its sessions at the First Presbyterian church, except on Wednesday evening, when Founders' Day of Alma college will be celebrated at a popular meeting to be held in the college chapel.

One of the meetings of Thursday is to be more of an educational meeting than religious, at which time reports will be given by the trustees of Alma college and of Tappan Presbyterian Association. There will also be addresses by Rev. James M. Barkley, D. D., chairman of the board of trustees of Alma college, President Harry Means Crooks of Alma college and Rev. R. C. Hughes, D. D.

The complete program for the sessions of the synod follows:

Tuesday

7:30 p. m.—Divine Service, conducted by Rev. George J. Rea, Moderator. Sermon by the moderator. Address, Rev. John McDowell, D. D. Business session. Roll call. Election of moderator and two temporary clerks. Report of committee on arrangements, Rev. Willis L. Gelston.

Wednesday Morning

8:30 a. m.—The Lord's supper. Services conducted by Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck and Rev. William H. Phelps and elders from the Presbyteries.

9:15 a. m.—Roll call and minutes of last night's meeting. Distribution of printed minutes. Reference of papers. Announcement of standing committees. Presentation of Presbyterian Records. Treasurer's report. Election of stated clerk and permanent clerk for five years.

9:45 a. m.—Home missions. Report of Women's Synodical Home Missionary society, Mrs. J. K. Mitchell of Detroit. Report of H. M. Conn, Rev. George J. Rea. Address, Rev. John Comin, Synodical Superintendent. Election of member of Home Mission Council. Address, Rev. John McDowell, D. D.

11:30 a. m.—Church Election. Report of committee, Rev. M. L. Marshall.

11:45 a. m.—Announcement of permanent committees by the stated clerk.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 p. m.—Convening and organization of permanent committees.

2:00 p. m.—Business session.

2:15 p. m.—Foreign missions. Report of Women's Foreign Missionary society. Report of F. M. committee, Rev. J. Wirt Dunning, D. D. Address, Mr. George H. Trull, D. D.

3:00 p. m.—Sabbath school work and young people's societies. Report of committee, Rev. William C. McKnight. Report of Sabbath school missionary, Rev. W. B. Shirey and Messrs. Brumbaugh and Davis. Address, Rev. Frederick S. Goodrich, Secretary of Michigan Sunday School association.

3:45 p. m.—Ministerial relief sustenance. Report of committee, Rev. William Sidebotham.

4:00 p. m.—Report on deceased ministers, Rev. A. W. Johnston, D. D.

4:15 p. m.—Evangelism. Report of committee, Rev. J. A. Adair.

4:45 p. m.—Brotherhood and men's work. Report of committee, Rev. M. H. Huston, D. D.

5:00 p. m.—Narrative of the state of religion, Rev. Frederick A. Kuder.

5:15 p. m.—The new era movement. Report of Rev. Joseph A. Vance, D. D., Synodical Chairman. Discussion of plans for the new year led by Rev. Robert E. Pugh, D. D. Address, Mr. David McConaughy on "Stewardship."

Wednesday Evening

6:00 p. m.—Complimentary banquet to the members of Synod at Wright Hall, Alma college.

7:30 p. m.—Celebration of Founders' day at Alma college. Popular meeting at the college chapel. On October 14, 1866, the Synod of Michigan passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That in view of all the facts brought before us, we will, with God's help, establish and endow a college within our bounds."

Thursday, October 16th

8:30 a. m.—Devotional service, led by Rev. William H. Long.

9:00 a. m.—Business session. Minutes and roll call.

9:20 a. m.—Temperance. Report of committee, elder J. H. Nisbet, Maple Ridge. Anti-Saloon League address by the secretary.

9:45 a. m.—Education and college interests. Report of committee, Rev. Irwin E. Bradford. Report of trustees of Alma college. Address by Rev. James Morrison Barkley, D. D., president Harry Means Crooks, L. L. D. and Rev. R. C. Hughes, D. D.

11:00 a. m.—Freedmen. Report of committee, Rev. Joshua R. Mitchell, D. D.

11:15 a. m.—"The Family Altar League." Rev. William M. Holderby, D. D.

Thursday Afternoon

2:00 p. m.—The following committees are to report: Executive Commission. Special committee on Ysillanti student pastor, Rev. M. C. Morgan, D. D. M. A. C. spiritual conditions, Rev. Willard K. Spencer, D. D. Howell memorial, Rev. J. M. Barkley, D. D. American Bible society, Rev. William H. Mason, D. D. Presbyterian history and Presbyterian Historical society, Rev. Willard K. Spencer, D. D. The stated clerk, vacancy and supply. Auditing, Judicial. Nominations. Records of Presbyteries. Place of next meeting. Finance. Delegates from corresponding bodies. Delegates to corresponding bodies. Miscellaneous Business. Reading of minutes and completion of the roll. Enrollment and Absence. Final roll call.

Thursday Evening

Popular meeting in the interest of the New Era movement. Address, Rev. William C. Covert, D. D. and Mr. David McConaughy.

COMING

Coming Friday and Saturday night October 17 and 18, Oddfellow Hall at 8:00 o'clock, the boy wonder, a natural impersonator who has lectured in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington and other large cities. Everybody come. You can't afford to miss it.—adv.

MORE REMODELING TO BE DONE AT CITY HALL

East Side of First Floor to Be
Changed and Offices Made
for Alma Officials.

More remodeling is to be done at the city hall within the next few weeks, which will entirely change the interior on the first floor and allow needed space for offices for the city manager, a stenographer, the city treasurer and clerk.

The plans for the change were placed before the city commission Tuesday evening by William E. Reynolds, city manager, and call for the changing of the stairway to the second floor somewhat, thus making a far better arrangement than is had at present.

It is the intention to remove the present vault, and it is probable that steel safe cabinets will be installed in each of the offices to take care of the papers and books for those offices. This will act as a time saver in each of the offices, and will also give the official in each office a degree of privacy with his work, which could not be obtained when all of the books are dumped into the one vault.

With the vault removed the space now comprising the clerk's office, and that which is taken up by the vault, will be divided into four offices, those to the west being for the clerk and city treasurer. A corridor just to the west of the offices, and leading around the north of the treasurer's office, will lead to the stenographer's office on the east side of the building. The manager's office will be immediately under the tower, and entrance to this room will be gained from the stenographer's office. In this way the manager will have all of the privacy that could be desired.

The present room used by the city commission will be devoted to the engineering department. A doorway will be cut through to Gratiot avenue, so that tools, etc., can be taken in or out without going through the main entrance of the city hall.

The rear room of the city hall, the entrance of which is located on the north side of the present corridor as the hall is entered, will be enlarged and used for the city commission's meeting place.

It is estimated that this work will cost approximately \$1,700, which is much less than most of the commissioners had expected.

BAY CITY MEET

High Schoolers Viewing Friday's
Game With Plenty of Confidence.

With confidence in their ability restored as a result of holding the great Arthur Hill high team 24 to 0 Saturday, the Alma high school team which meets Bay City Western high Friday, at Bay City is now seeing an easy victory over that aggregation.

Western high has one of its usual good teams and is putting up a good game this year, but is far from the class of the Arthur Hill gridders, who defeated Grand Rapids South and Flint Central by almost the same score that the local high school team met defeat by.

Bishop, who was unable to get into the Arthur Hill game is expected to be in shape for a battle and it is probable that Murphy will also be able to get into the fray. Neither of these men or Cross, faced the Hillites, which weakened the Orange and Black to some extent, and their return will be welcomed by Coach Mullin, who is striving to build up an aggregation which he expects to show some great class before the season ends.

John C. Chick of the Economy Shoe store is wearing the smile that won't come off, with the appearance early this morning of a nine-and-one-half pound boy at his home on West Center street.

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW TRUCK FACTORY



Citizens viewing the breaking of ground for the big Bollstrom Motors, Inc., factory, Oct. 2, 1919, St. Louis

On Thursday, October 2, ground was broken by the Bollstrom Motors Inc., for its new brick and concrete factory, which is being erected on the Michigan avenue road between St. Louis and Alma, and with a large force of men on the job Henry H. Soule, Alma contractor, who has charge of the work, expects that the big plant will be completed within the next sixty days.

The company has a forty acre site on this road which is well adapted for factory purposes. The site not only borders on the Michigan avenue road, but what is still more important it is bordered on the south by the Pere Marquette railroad tracks, giving the needed facilities for securing an outlet to the markets of the world, and making the company accessible to the markets from which it must purchase.

The city officials of St. Louis have gone over the ground with a view of extending the watermain, and electric light service to the addition in which the factory is located and it is expected that this work will be started in the near future, so that by the time that the factory is completed, the mains, etc., will have been installed.

Only one of the three contemplated buildings is at present in the course of construction, this being a structure 300 feet by 65 feet. This building will be utilized this winter for offices and machinery storage. A large building is to be erected later, it is understood, and it is reported that this structure will be about 800 feet by 200 feet. An administration building is also contemplated at a later date.

The company is now bending every effort, according to its officials, to get

away with a flying start and to get under production at the earliest possible moment.

The picture being used this week shows a view of the factory grounds when ground was broken for the new factory, and shows a few of the many interested citizens of St. Louis, many of whom are stockholders, who turned out to see the beginnings of the big truck factory, which they are secretly hoping will bring to St. Louis a great boom, and bring that city to the front faster than ever before.

Many Alma people are highly interested in the venture, having purchased stock in the company, while numerous others are interested in the success of the concern, as it will without a question be a means of aiding both cities, directly and indirectly in wealth and in aiding in the growth of the communities.

GOVERNOR WILL BE HERE SOON

Albert E. Sleeper Will Be Guest
of the Gratiot Club at the
Annual Meeting.

WILL ADDRESS THE CLUB

Directors and Officers to Be Elected
At Yearly Session Held on
October 18.

On Saturday evening, October 18, Governor Albert E. Sleeper of Michigan, will be the guest of the Gratiot club, at the clubhouse, corner of Woodward avenue and East Center street, at which time he will give an address to the members of the club, which it is expected will deal with matters of a vital nature as they relate to the business world.

The annual meeting of the Gratiot club, which was to have been held earlier in the month, and which was postponed, will be held the same evening, and it is expected that as Michigan's governor is to be present that evening, every member of the club will be on hand for the election of the directors of the club. The directors, who are to be elected, will later select the officers of the club for the ensuing year. It is rather expected at the present time, that because of the success with which the club has met during the past year, that the present officers and directors will be retained in office for another year at least.

These matters came up at a meeting of the club members held Tuesday evening and it was also decided to appoint an entertainment committee, which will formulate the plans for the coming winter months' amusement and recreation for the members. The members of the committee selected are live wires and as a result the club members are expecting something unusual in the way of entertainment during the winter. The members of the committee are John W. Toner, J. N. Peterson, H. S. Babcock, J. F. Fay, J. A. Quinn and H. C. Chamison.

Plans for the annual meeting October 18, have not yet been completed, but it is expected that the earlier part of the evening will be devoted to the annual meeting of the club, and that the reception for the governor and his address will be later in the evening.

The matter of cutting back the corner at the intersection of Michigan and Euclid avenues and East Superior street came before the commission Tuesday night and it is a certainty that the corner will be cut back, as an aid to traffic and concreted over.

REVIEW FRIDAY

Review of Assessment Rolls Offered
by State Board to Be Friday.

The assessment rolls of the City of Alma will be reviewed Friday as a result of an order of the Board of State Tax Commissioners, at the city hall, commencing at 9:00 a. m.

At the same time a review of the assessment rolls of the townships of Arcadia, Pine River and Sumner will be held here.

On Saturday a review of the assessments of St. Louis, Bethany and Pine River will be held in St. Louis.

GEORGE W. MYERS' POST IS FORMED

Over Forty Charter Members of
Post Which Was Organized
Here Friday Evening.

The George W. Meyers Post No. 132, American Legion, has been organized in this city, the charter having been received and the steps to complete the organization having been taken at a meeting of the World War veterans held last Friday at the high school.

Forty young men who were in the service were present at the meeting and joined the post as charter members of the organization.

At the Friday evening meeting the officers for the post were elected by the charter members as follows:

Post Commander—Orville Allen.
Vice Post Commander—Donald B. Smith.

Post Adjutant—Lauren Burt.
Post Chaplain—Rev. Fr. John Mulvey.

Post Historian—Russell Gaffney.

Verne Rogers was elected by the members of the organization as the delegate to the state convention which is to be held in Grand Rapids October 13, 14 and 15, at which time the state officers are to be elected, and delegates chosen to go to the national convention to be held in Minneapolis in November.

Another meeting of the post will be held in the near future, at which time it is desired that all former service men be present. The date for the meeting will be published in The Alma Record.

DIED TODAY

Walter Vliet, one of Alma's well known citizens, died at his home on Wright avenue this morning, following an illness of some months' duration. During the past few years Mr. Vliet had been connected with the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., having had charge of the Chicago agency and the agency in other cities. He is survived by his mother, wife and son. Funeral services have not yet been arranged.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe—77-tf-e
Circulation counts—we have it.

START NEW ALMA THEATER AT ONCE

Management of Idlehour Theatre
Will Erect Fine New
Vaudeville and Movie.

TO BE READY JANUARY 1

New Structure Will Be Patterned
After Exclusive Detroit Majestic
Theatre Plan.

It was announced definitely Tuesday afternoon by Manager C. A. Miller of the Idlehour theatre that the owners of this well known and popular Alma show house, would start the erection of Alma's new theatre, within the next few days, and it is more than possible that the work will be started before the present week is brought to an end.

It is the intention of the owners, Eselynn & Murphy of Detroit, to have the new theatre completed and open to the public not later than the first of the year, and hopes are held forth that it can be opened by Christmas day.

The theatre will be located on the lot just to the west of the city hall, on East Superior street, which was purchased this spring for the purpose, and will be 53 feet in width by 132 feet in length.

The building will be constructed after a copyrighted design, the product of one of the foremost theatre architects in the country, and will be the same as that used in the construction of the Majestic theatre in Detroit, with the seats gradually sloping up from the front of the theatre to the back, and extending clear to the street, making a seating capacity in this way for almost one thousand people.

It is probable that the contemplated terra-cotta front will be done away with and a brick front put on the theatre, due partly to the lateness of the season, which with its frosts and cold weather might injure the former front when being put in place.

There will be a basement under a portion of the theatre for a steam heating place, coal, etc.

It is expected that the contract for the building will be let immediately and that it will be given to a local contractor.

DeLuxe ice cream.—77-tf-e

TAG DAY

Saturday Will Be Tag Day for Starr Commonwealth Home of Albion.

Saturday will be tag day in Alma for the Starr Commonwealth of Albion, the committee in charge of the work for that day being Mrs. F. E. Pollasky, Mrs. F. DuBois and Mrs. C. B. Gardner. The officials of the Alma State Savings bank will act as the finance committee.

The tag day benefit is for the purpose of securing funds for the care of the boys in the Starr Commonwealth at Albion, which is doing a wonderful work with the young boys of the state who come into its care and under its protection. The object of the commonwealth is to maintain a real home for the homeless, friendless, dependent boy, to give to the wayward child of the streets the opportunity that he is so badly in need of if he is to make good in the world, giving him a normal healthful environment. It is not a prison, but a real home that is aiding in making real men. It is felt that no boy would be bad if the proper guidance is given to him and this is the aim of the Starr Commonwealth, and the thing which makes the commonwealth so worth while.

The commonwealth now has five buildings, including a \$30,000 school house recently given it by Mrs. Emily Jewell Clark of Grand Rapids, and a new cottage, a gift from Mrs. Wilcox of Grand Rapids.

COLLEGE ELEVEN WON FROM FERRIS

Maroon and Cream Had No
Trouble Defeating Ferris
Institute Eleven 28-0.

The Ferris institute eleven of Big Rapids gave the Maroon and Cream a scrappy practice game Saturday afternoon on Davis field, but the locals found no trouble in counting touchdowns on the aggregation which was representing the former governor's school, as the final score was just two points short of the half-hundred mark, while the visitors were unable to annex a counter.

The game was not the most fortunate victory that could be imagined, however, as "Hap" Spooner and Walker received injuries which receded their getting into the battle with M. A. C. Wednesday. This leaves a great hole in the line, that Coach Wood will find it hard to patch, and loses to the Alma mentor a fine kicker forward from the backfield, at a time when his services are badly needed.

The game was just a frolic up and down the grid for the Maroon and Cream with Ferris, once in a while, offered some stubborn resistance. The fighting spells of the Ferris eleven were few and far between, however, except in the final quarter, when "Rink" Miller, acting coach, had a search warrant, in the battle.

The Ferris team, with two victories to its credit, which had counted the visitors 140 points, kicked to Alma to start the battle.

By the time the final quarter started Miller had a few more likely lookers in suits and trotted them out, and then began a battle by Ferris to score and avert a shutout. There was plenty of action on both halves during the last session and until the last minute it did not look as though Alma would score. F. I. gained ground frequently, and it was only two big runs in the final quarter by Battle for 30 and 40 yards and kept Alma's goal in the clear and gave the Maroon and Cream the chance to score just as the game ended. Battle smashing through the Ferris defense for three yards. Milford missed the first goal of the game. Score: Alma 48, Ferris 0.

Mark L. E. Broaden
Spencer L. T. Coleman
Jackson L. G. Merritt
Wagoner C. Pifrommer
Anderson R. G. Jewell
Mills R. T. Goodrich
Tebbo R. E. Bancroft
Hebert (Capt.) Q. Rice
Richards L. H. Glover
Smith R. H. Lanson
Walker F. B. Issaninger
Quarters 1 2 3 4
Ferris 0 0 0 0—0
Alma 14 7 21 6—48

Touchdowns—Smith 3, Battle 3, Bill Richards.

Goals—Walker 1, Milford 5.

Substitutions—Milford for Walker, Battle for Bill Richards, Stowell for Bancroft, Anderson for Spooner, Sartor for Anderson, Johnson for Jewell, Rose for Sartor, Gaffney for Wagoner, Boyne for Tebo, Battle for Hebert, Bill Richards for Battle, Richards for Mark.

Time of quarters—15 minutes.
Referee—Criss. Umpire—Scoop Rogers.

MARRIED LAST WEDNESDAY

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sharrar of Arcadia, on Wednesday, October 1, Mr. Elmer E. Brooks of Ann Arbor was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Sharrar of Arcadia. Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Gelston of the Presbyterian church. The happy couple left the same day for a short wedding trip after which they will be at home at 916 Mary St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

CORNERSTONE LAYING SUNDAY

Formal Exercises Will Take
Place Sunday Afternoon at
New Church of Christ.

TO HOLD THREE SERVICES

Delegates Will Attend Afternoon
Meeting From Each of the
Federated Churches.

The congregation of the Church of Christ in Alma is extending a hearty invitation to all the city to meet with them in their new building on East Superior street for a great Home coming and corner stone laying on October 12.

The main floor of the building is not entirely finished, but the congregation expect now to begin their worship here, using the basement for church worship and Bible school until all is completed.

A program has been arranged for the entire day, a morning, afternoon and evening session, including a basket dinner to be served at noon by the ladies of the church.

Rev. G. L. Snively of Lewiston, Ill., a man recommended as one of the foremost speakers of America will be the principal speaker, and will give three stirring addresses.

Bible School will begin at 9:30 and the preaching service at 10:30 a. m. The Stalter boys' band will play at all sessions.

An overflow meeting of the Bible school pupils will be held in the 8th grade room of the Washington school building at 10:30 a. m. At this meeting Miss Ruth Edgar, a very pleasing and accomplished reader of St. Louis will give two readings, and Mr. Ralph Moon of Alma college and Miss Lucile Ramm will sing a duet. The Stalter boys' band will furnish music and the address will be delivered by Mr. Iru Kimberling of Ferris.

One of the most enjoyable features of the day will be the basket dinner served at the noon hour by the ladies of the church. The ladies of the church have all been asked to bring baskets well filled and heaping up, that the guests may be well taken care of.

It is expected that the most impressive service of the day will be that of the afternoon, when, at 2:00 p. m. the congregation will reassemble for a service of Reminiscence and Memorial.

A member from each of the Federated Churches will give a ten minute address, remembering those of their number who have helped to make the beautiful little city of Alma a success, and who have now passed on to their reward.

Prof. H. M. MacCurdy will represent the Methodist church.

Rev. Priest will speak for the Baptist congregation, Mr. Henry Brewbaker will talk of the departed from the Episcopal church and Prof. A. P. Cook will represent the Presbyterian brethren.

Hon. W. A. Bahlke, an old resident of Alma and a very gifted orator, will address the assemblage upon the subject: "The Old Days and the Old Ways."

At this, the afternoon service, Prof. Hosmer of Alma college, and the Coe male quartet will sing.

The evening service will begin at 7:00 o'clock preceded by a short service of Christian Endeavor. At the evening service the Coe male quartet will render one of their splendid numbers and Mr. Snively, with a stirring and inspiring address will bring to a close a day which we hope will be long and pleasantly remembered in the history of Alma, civil, social and religious.

BUY U. S. S.

Government Urges That Bond Interest
Be Used for Purchase of Stamps.

Another one of Uncle Sam's big pay days comes on October 15. Then you again will have an opportunity to clip your Liberty bond coupons and reinvest the interest in another form of Government security—War Savings stamps or the new Treasury Savings certificates. Interest on Liberty bonds to the total amount of \$78,102,249.28 will be paid by the Treasury department on October 15.

Keep your dollars working for you. That is what the wise investor does, and with the purchasing power of the dollar lower than it ever was, it is the part of wisdom to keep your income increasing until money is worth more. You can do that by reinvesting your Liberty Bond interest in War Savings stamps which pay four percent interest compounded quarterly.

The procedure is easy. All you have to do is to take your Liberty Bond coupons to any postoffice and almost any bank and exchange them for War Savings stamps, which are non-depreciable and non-fluctuating. In case you ever need the money, you can cash them at any postoffice on ten days' notice. Each purchaser of War Savings stamps gains sure profit and insurance for the future. The government gains some money and assures and stabilizes the financial future of its citizens.